



BY THE KING.

A Proclamation concerning the Fortifications about the City of Oxford.

His Majesty, having often called upon the finishing of these Fortifications, and directed the way how and by what means the same should be performed, and yet notwithstanding all His care thereof, finding how slowly it hath proceeded, and that the not paying by some, who are averse from so good a work, doth discourage those also who are and have been forward (as justly it may,) and so the work is in danger to faile when it is even almost finished, hath thought fit once more to declare, and He doth hereby declare His expresse Pleasure and Command as followeth, That every Person above the age of sixteen years, and under the age of sixty, inhabiting or residing for the present within the University or City of Oxford, shall once in every Week, either work in Person at or upon the Fortifications there, or for his, her, or their not working shall pay twelve pence for every such default, wherewith some other able and fit person may be hired to work in their stead, and this to continue untill the said Fortifications shall be fully finished, and those workers to be ordered in such manner as His Majesty hath appoynted or shall appoynt. And because the safety and defencableness of the place doth concerne all Persons of all sexes and of all degrees and qualities, who reside here, His Majesties pleasure and Command is, That all Women of the ages aforesaid (not having Husbands in this place, who either work in their Persons, or pay for others to work in their turnes) shall pay their Twelve pence as well as men, their safety being concerned as well or more then men are concerned in this case. And His Majesty doth farther Declare, that he doth expect that all Noblemen, and such as are of His Privy-Councell, shall in this case pay as well, or rather before others, thereby to give example to others; And that all His servants of His Household, Servants to His dearest Consort the Queene, Also servants to Prince Charles, and the Duke of Yorke shall duly pay; All such also as worke unto His Majesty in any faculty whatsoever, All Gentlemen attending Him in His Troope, and their Servants, and all Commanders, Captains, Officers and Souldiers residing in this City, not being bound to continuall duty, in their turnes shall work in Person, or pay for the same as aforesaid; And if any Person shall willingly and voluntarily extend him or her selfe farther in a case of this consequence, His Majesty will graciously accept thereof. His Majesty doth farther command, That all the arrearages past be duly paid into the hands of the severall Treasurers or Receivers for that purpose appoynted, which in the Colledges and Halls is to some publique Officer of the House, and in the City is to the Church-wardens and Constables of the severall Parishes, by or before Wednesday next at twelve of the Clock, & from thenceforth duly payd weekly; & because the payment may not be deferred unnecessarily, His Majesty doth command, That all Lodgers within every house within this City, doe leave their mony payable by them with the Maister, Mistresse or Dame of the family, of whom it shall be demanded without expecting a Personall demand from any: But if any shall refuse or neglect to observe His Majesties command in and concerning the premises, His Majesties expresse pleasure is, That He be speedily informed of the names of all such Persons, whom He shall esteeme as Persons disaffected to His service, and besides the levying of the mony from them in such a way as the nature of the service doth require, if such defaulters be His own Servants, He shall hold them unworthy to be continued in His Service; if they be such Persons whose company may well be spared in this place, He will ease the place of their presence, seeing they will not be sensible of the safety thereof. *Given at Our Court at Oxford this 21. day of July, in the Nineteenth year of Our Raigne.*

God Save the King.

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